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Morocco and Spain: draft resolution

Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibralter

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1991/74 of 26 July 1991 and other relevant resolutions concerning the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibralter and the activities that the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe were requested to carry out regarding the preparation of an evaluation report on the studies relating to the project in the period 1982-1993 for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993,

Conscious of the contribution of the project to transport development and to physical integration at the regional and interregional levels,

Noting that resolution 1991/74 does not impose any financial burden on the budgets of the two Commissions concerned, since the Governments of Morocco and Spain are making available financial resources needed to perform the activities mandated in the resolution,

Bearing in mind the necessary involvement of the experts from the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe in coordinating the evaluation process requested in the resolution,

Recalling that in resolution 1991/74 the Council called upon the Secretary-General to allocate as far as possible sufficient resources to the two Commissions, within existing priorities, for the preparation of the above-mentioned evaluation report,

Noting that the Secretary-General has not been able to allocate the necessary resources from within existing appropriations,

Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe, through the contingency fund, with the necessary budgetary resources to enable them to carry out effectively and efficiently the responsibilities mandated in resolution 1991/74.